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AIRPLANE WINS IN GREAT RACE AGAINST TIME

LIEUT. NEUBIG AND ROBERT SMITH MAKE RECORD SPEED IN BIG DE HAVILLAND

SAN FRANCISCO TO PORTLAND

Pilot Says Whole Country Between Grants Pass and Roseburg Seemed Ablaze With Forest Fires

The big De Havilland airplane, driven north yesterday by Lieutenant E. E. Neubig and carrying Robert E. Smith with \$50,000 worth of government savings certificates to catch the vessel sailing for Alaska, returned south this morning, passing over Grants Pass at 10:25. The Lieutenant stopped at Eugene last night.

Mr. Smith had intended to carry \$1,000,000 worth of notes from San Francisco to Seattle on the trip and to distribute them at various places along the route, but the time allotted to him was so short that all such stops had to be eliminated. He carried the notes in a yellow handbag. On reaching Portland he alighted from the plane, rushed to a waiting automobile and thence to a motorboat, that was to take him to Kalamia, and there began the last lap of the journey, which he made in time to deliver the notes to the steamer.

"The entire mountains between Roseburg and Grants Pass seemed to be on fire," stated the pilot of the machine when he landed in Portland in referring to the forest fires in that section.

"Mr. Smith did not take his hand from the yellow bag containing the bonds," states the Lieutenant who piloted the machine. "Not even when we went 14,000 feet above ground."

N. F. Macduff, in charge of the local forestry office, states that there are no serious fires in Josephine county at the present time, but that there are several in Douglas county. Two different fires in the Glendale district are reported to be beyond control, although they have destroyed but little valuable timber thus far, according to latest advices received from Glendale.

HATES TO PAY WAR TAX

Portland, July 22.—F. A. Cleland, charged with cursing President Wilson because of the war tax on a package of candy, forfeited \$25 bail yesterday, and failed to appear for trial in municipal court. No effort will be made to re-arrest him.

YANKS CLOSING UP BUSINESS IN LONDON

London, July 22.—American army and navy officers who are trying to close up the war financial transactions between the United States and Great Britain, hope to have their task completed by September 1. If that end is reached the majority of the 75 army officers and 200 men now here will be sent home, and the navy force will be reduced to a few experts to tie the last remaining strings.

The magnitude of the task will be appreciated when it is known that the army alone bought 2,000,000 tons of equipment and supplies here and shipped them to France, while the navy had large forces of ships which were constantly purchasing things from British warehouses.

Another element in the situation is the slow and deliberate manner in which the British render their bills. One such bill received at army headquarters today amounted to \$150,000 for supplies for the American troops in Northern Russia.

A BILLION DOLLAR TRADE WITH MEX.

Such Prediction Is Made Soon As Peace Is Restored; 50,000 Mexicans in U. S. Past Two Years

Denver, Colo., July 22.—Mexico's trade with the United States will amount to \$1,000,000,000 a year when normal conditions are restored south of the Rio Grande, according to A. J. Ortiz, consul for Mexico at Denver, with jurisdiction over Colorado, Montana and Wyoming. Mr. Ortiz, who is a native born American citizen of Spanish ancestry, has been in the consular service here for 18 years, during which time he has made a close study of the trade relations between the two countries.

"Fully 50,000 Mexicans have entered the United States during the last two years," said Mr. Ortiz. "Many of them have returned to their native land, many more intend to do so eventually. When these immigrants repatriate themselves they will carry with them some of the American standards of living. They will want American goods to satisfy these new standards they will spread similar tastes to their fellow countrymen, and the United States will have a trade monopoly of immense value."

"Mexico is already entering upon her period of reconstruction. She needs steel for her railroads, machinery for her mines and agricultural implements for her farms. Already a number of friendly manufacturers have established branch factories in Mexico."

"Unfortunately, political conditions below the border are still such as to retard the economic development of Mexico, but I am confident that the period of reconstruction is at hand, and that conditions will soon be stabilized. When that time comes, America will see that there is no antagonism against her on the part of any classes in Mexico."

MINERS BECOMING ACTIVE SINCE ZAPATA'S DEATH

Mexico City, July 22.—People of the state of Morelos, relieved by the death of Zapata and of the horrors of seven years of war, are giving themselves over almost exclusively to mining. Iron and steel manufacturers in the capital are said to be receiving steady shipments of ores from Morelos and plans for mining development in the entire state are being made.

SCIENCE BIG AID IN AIRPLANE MAKING

London, July 22.—Airplane manufacturers are now calling science to their aid in making their machines safe. All wood used in construction in some of the most important plants is being first subjected to X-ray tests. In one instance the radiograph of a fine silver spruce plank showed certain light and dark spots. When the plank was split open it was found to be honeycombed by beetle borings.

NO WAR OF REVENGE SAYS COUNT VON BERNSTORFF

Berlin, July 22.—Count von Bernstorff former German ambassador to the United States, speaking at a democratic party meeting here yesterday, said Germany must never forget that a world policy, such as was engineered before the war had become impossible.

"Whoever lives in Germany," Count von Bernstorff said, "knows that we neither want, nor can we conduct war of revenge."

85,000 BUSHELS BRING OVER \$2 PER BUSHEL

Walla Walla, Wash., July 22.—Lester Robinson's crop of 50,000 bushels and George Darce's crop of 35,000 bushels were sold Saturday at slightly above \$2 a bushel.

COMMITTEE TURNS DOWN PRESIDENT'S REQUEST

Claim "No Power Exists" to Appoint Member Reparations Committee—Wilson Thinks it Inadvisable to Make Public Shantung Affair Now, and Urges Ratification

Washington, July 22.—Responding to the president's request that it approve the provisional appointment of an American representative on the reparations commission to be created under the peace treaty, the senate foreign relations committee today declared that until the treaty is ratified "no power exists" to carry out the provisions.

The president has sufficiently recovered to resume his conferences with republicans. He is weak but anxious to begin work. Senator Norris was invited yesterday to confer at the White House, but declined.

Washington, July 22.—Senator Calder, republican, today asked President Wilson what the attitude would be if the senate ratified the covenant with reservations making Article X, guaranteeing nations against "external aggression," to remain effective only until 1921. The president urged ratification without reservations. Referring to Shantung he said he could give the senators details, but thought it inadvisable to make them public now.

Washington, July 22.—Supporting the league of nations in his senate speech, Senator McNary of Oregon urged that it be accepted without such amendments and reservations as "would alter the splendid purposes of the covenant or weaken it."

NAVY AVIATOR PRAISES GRANTS PASS LANDING

Portland, July 22.—"No flyer going north would ever stop at Portland unless forced to, because the landing field is not adequate for the big machines," said Lieutenant Earl Neubig, United States army aviation flyer, who beat all records yesterday bringing Robert E. Smith from California to Portland, carrying \$50,000 worth of United States bonds. Lieutenant Neubig, who made many friends in Portland during the rose festival when the seven army planes took citizen passengers on flights, spent the morning looking over possible landing fields in the vicinity of Portland.

"Eugene has a wonderful landing field, by far the best in this state," said the flyer, who was conducted on the inspection tour by Milton R. Klepper, president of the Aero Club of Oregon, and by Clark Leiter, chairman of the landing field committee of the club. "The only good landing fields between Mather Field and Portland are at Eugene, Grants Pass and Grenada."

MOTHER AND NINE CHILDREN DROWN FORDING A RIVER

Silver City, N. M., July 22.—With her three-year-old infant clasped in her arms, Mrs. Candelaria Galvin, 36 years old, of Hurley, N. M., and nine children were drowned nine miles east of here late yesterday, when a wagon in which they were riding was swept away in a swollen stream.

Five of the children, whose ages ranged from two to 15 years, were those of Mrs. Galvin.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF AT SAN FRANCISCO TODAY

San Francisco, July 22.—The central strike committee of the telephone strikers, controlling all the locals in California, has called off the strike.

IDAHO FIRE LOSS OVER 80 MILLION

Forty Square Miles Burned Over, Destroying 20,000,000 Feet White Pine; Men Start Blaze

Spokane, Wash., July 22.—Forest fire conditions in northern Idaho, according to reports from forest service officials and timber protective association wardens today, continued critical, with several bad blazes in various parts of the district.

The most serious fire was reported from the Pack river valley, between Sand Point and Hope, Idaho, where 35 to 40 square miles have been burned over by flames that are within two miles of the Great Northern railroad, and three miles from Naples, Idaho. Neither is believed to be in danger, however.

Between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000 feet of white pine timber has been destroyed, at an estimated loss of \$40,000,000 to \$80,000,000. Only rain can stop the blaze, it was declared and the only hope is to guide the fire away from the richest timber in its path. The burning area is ten miles long and three to four miles wide.

One man was under arrest today at Sand Point and another is expected to be taken into custody this afternoon in connection with alleged incendiary fires near Wreco. The Wreco fire was within three miles of Sand Point today, burning over an area of about 12 square miles. The city was not believed to be in danger.

LOS ANGELES CLAIMS THE BUSIEST CENTER

Los Angeles, July 22.—London Bridge no longer can claim the distinction of being the densest center of traffic in the world, according to traffic experts of the Los Angeles Railway who have been studying conditions here. More vehicles, street cars, automobiles, wagons and carts they say, pass the intersection of Ninth and Main streets in this city, per hour, than in any other part of the world.

ALLIED TROOPS PREPARE ADVANCE ON BUDAPEST

Vienna, July 22.—General Franchet D'Esperey, commander of the allied forces in the Near East, has announced that he is preparing to advance upon Budapest with 150,000 troops.

TOBACCO PRICES SOAR TO CLOUDS IN ITALY

Rome, July 22.—While Americans complain of the advance of one and two cents in the price of cigars and cigarettes, the prices in Italy have advanced ten and twenty times what they were formerly. Cigarettes of the cheapest varieties which sold before the war for two cents a box now sell for twenty cents and sometimes thirty. Cigars have mounted in price almost to the point where they are unmarketable.

Besides the difficulty of importing tobacco—which, of course, adds considerable to the price—there is increased taxation upon it. The governmental income from tobacco in pre-war days amounted to approximately \$75,000,000 annually. During the past fiscal year tobacco-users have paid the government \$170,000,000 while for the next year the budget anticipates a revenue from tobacco of nearly \$300,000,000. The latter will be one-sixth of the entire budget.

TRIBUNE'S TRIAL NEAR END

Mount Clemens, Mich., July 22.—Examination of Henry Ford by the Chicago Tribune attorneys has been concluded. Mr. Ford's attorney, Alfred Lucking, took up the interrogation today.

11 KILLED, 28 INJURED WHEN BALLOON FALLS

GOODYEAR COMPANY DIRIGIBLE EXPLODES AND FALLS INTO CHICAGO SAVINGS BANK

FOUR ESCAPE IN PARACHUTES

Nine Bank Employees Killed; New Devices Blamed, But Police Are Making Investigation

Chicago, July 22.—After cruising back and forth across Chicago's loop district for hours, a dirigible balloon bearing five persons exploded late yesterday afternoon, the blazing wreckage crashing through the skylight of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, in the center of the financial district.

Last night the police fixed the list of dead as the result of the accident at 11, more than a score were injured.

Two of the dead were passengers on the dirigible, the others were employees of the bank.

The big gas bag, which had made two flights during the day, had started on a third flight, and was hovering over the lake near Grant Park when the fire was discovered. The pilot directed the course of the balloon toward the business district, and when above the bank building the dirigible was suddenly enveloped in flames. A minute later it collapsed and fell through the skylight, the tank of the balloon exploding.

The following statement was given the police department by Jack Boettner, assistant pilot, who escaped by leaping from the balloon in a parachute:

"I have no idea how the ship caught fire. The two 80-horsepower motors had been working perfectly. Prior to the explosion we had made to successful cruises, not experiencing a bit of trouble."

"Just before she caught fire we were running smoothly. We had headed away from the lake, when I felt the ship buckle. I saw flames leap from the side and yelled to the passengers to jump. They were all strapped in parachutes and obeyed immediately. I think the fact that all did not land safely was due to the speed with which the burning dirigible fell. My own parachute caught fire, but I managed to land safely. The others probably caught fire also and fell when the silk had been burned from the parachute."

Chicago, Ill., July 22.—Federal, state and city officials today began an investigation of the explosion of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company's dirigible balloon, which late yesterday resulted in 11 deaths and injuring 28, when it fell during a flight, crashing into the Illinois Trust and Savings bank. It killed nine bank employees.

Several new devices used may have caused the explosion. Two of the passengers were killed, but four escaped from the blazing blimp in parachutes. The dirigible was intended for passenger service.

MAY PROCLAIM MARTIAL LAW TO STOP RACE WAR

Washington, July 22.—Martial law may be necessary to end the race rioting. Five people have been killed and 50 injured during the past several days, during disorders following the wave of attacks by blacks on white women. The assaults and robberies by the negroes terminated in a series of race battles and 200 of the rioters have been arrested.

Detective Harry Wilson was shot through the heart by a negro girl who was firing into the crowds of whites in the street.